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SUBJECT: ANGOLAN REFUGEES

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1. UNICEF REPRESENTATIVE MENTIONED REFTEL IS AHMED MOSTEFAOUI, NOW RESIDENT BRAZZAVILLE. MOSTEFAOUI'S INFORMATION BASED ON TRAVEL NORTH-ERN ANGOLA EARLY MARCH 1975. HE ESTIMATES 600,000 - 700,00 ANGOLAN REFUGEES IN ZAIRE, SOME 30,000 IN ZAMBIA, AND AN ADDITIONAL 30,000 OR SO DISPLACED OR RELOCATED PERSONS INSIDE ANGOLA. TO DATE ROUGHLY 8,000

REFUGEES HAVE RETURNED TO ANGOLA FROM ZAIRE. MOST ARE RELATIVELY PRO-PE-ROUS; MANY ARE MEN PREPARING FOR RETURN OF FAMILIES. BY AND LARGE THEY ARE A RESOURCEFUL AND HARD-WORKING ROUP. BULK OF REFUGEES FROM ZAIRE ENTER ANGOLA THROUGH FOREST TO AVOID "FORMALITIES" AT FRONTIER CHECKPOINTS. MAIN ENTRY POINTS APPEAR TO BE AROUND LUVU AND BUELA.

2. MOSTEFAOUI EXPECTS LARGE INCREASE IN INFLUX FROM ZAIRE IN COMING 3 - 4 MONTHS, BUT IS UNABLE TO GIVE ESTIMATE. FEELS THAT MUCH WILL DEPEND ON FNLA PRESSURE AND GOZ ATTITUDE. POINTS OUT THAT ANGOLAN WORKFORE IS KEY FACTOR IN SOME BAS ZAIRE INDUSTRIES. SEES MAIN
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REFUGEE NEEDS FOR COMING MONTHS AS: TRANSPORTATION (SEVERAL HUNDRED

TRUCKS), FOOD, MEDICAL ATTENTION, POTABLE WATER, FARM IMPLEMENTS, SEEDS ETC. REGARDS TRANSITIONAL GOVERNMENT (TG) PLAN AS UN-REALISTICALLY ELABORATE. MOSTEFAOUI WAS SOMEWHAT VAGUE ABOUT RESOURCES BUT SAID UNHCR AND TG BOTH HAVE FUNDS AVAILABLE. ADDED THAT GOP HAS BEEN ASKED TO HELP, AND THAT AN APPEAL FOR CONTRIBUTIONS WILL EVENTUALLY BE MADE TO UN MEMBERS. HE ASSUMES US WILL HELP, AND HOPES IT WILL COORDINATE SUCH HELP WITH OTHERS.

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